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Since opening its doors in 1993, the Law Library has employed many law students to staff the Circulation Desk. The students perform various tasks such as check out and check in of circulating library materials, filing and shelving library materials, answering the telephones, shelf reading, and shifting books. Without their assistance, the Law Library would not be able to be open late into the evening and on the weekends.

In order to better acquaint you with our Library Student Assistants, they are profiled in issues of Law Library Briefs. You can read the bios of returning Library Student Assistants Brian Goldberg, Rebecca Hotmar, Matthew Mannix, and Jennifer Rhodus in the October, 2004 issue of Law Library Briefs. Also returning as Library Student Assistants are Michael Dunn, Todd Greenwood, and Marcus Jones. Michael’s bio is in the January, 2005 issue of Law Library Briefs. Todd’s bio is in the November, 2004 issue of Law Library Briefs, and Marcus’s bio is in the March, 2005 issue of Law Library Briefs. Previous issues of Law Library Briefs are available on the Law Library’s web site.

In this issue of Law Library Briefs are bios of those students who were hired over the summer. Students who were hired this semester will be profiled in the November issue of Law Library Briefs.

Second-year student Terrence Coyne is a Rhode Island native from Gloucester. He graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice from American University in Washington, D.C. While attending college, he interned with and subsequently worked for the United States Secret Service. Terrence is in the process of applying to be an agent with the Secret Service. He serves on the Honor Board and is a Student Ambassador for the Admission’s Office. He is an avid tennis player! Terrence staffs the Circulation Desk on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to midnight and on Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Second-year student Nicole Eldredge is from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. She is a graduate of American University where she studied communications, law, economics, and government. Prior to coming to the law school, she worked for two years as a paralegal in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Nicole has always been interested in the law and found her work with the Department of Justice to be a great experience. She is a member of Delta Theta Phi. Nicole is a dedicated runner, having completed a number of long distance races. Nicole works at the Circulation Desk on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Second-year student Mark Heath is from Mesa, Arizona. He majored in History and in Hawaiian Studies at the Brigham Young University campus in Hawaii. Here at the law school, Mark enjoys the opportunities for public speaking and debating such as participating in classroom discussions and in the intrascholastic moot court competition. He likes criminal law and aspires to be a judge someday. Mark is at the Circulation Desk on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Third-year student Jennifer Maiolo is from Mendham, N.J. She holds a B.A. in English and a B.A. in History from the College of William & Mary located in Williamsburg, Virginia. Jennifer worked as a paralegal for a private environmental/insurance firm in New Jersey and for the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville,
Maryland prior to coming to law school. Law is a subject in which she has always been interested. Jennifer is a Research Assistant for Professor Eberle and is in the Family and Disability Law Clinic this semester. Jennifer staffs the Circulation Desk on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Second–year student Naldina Neves is from Providence. She moved to Providence from Cape Verde when she was nine years old. She is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island where she studied political science and philosophy and minored in Portuguese. Naldina mentioned that because she grew up in an area filled with drug dealers and violence, she came to law school with the idea of working as a criminal lawyer when she graduates from law school. She is also interested in working with those people underserved by the legal profession due to barriers such as culture and language. She is a member of the Multi–Cultural Law Students Association. Naldina works at the Circulation Desk on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Second–year student Lynn Turner is a Rhode Island native from Woonsocket. She graduated from Rhode Island College with a B.A. in Philosophy. Lynn is interested in constitutional law, specifically individual rights issues. Her ideal job is to work as a prosecutor or in some advisory capacity. Lynn is the mother of two children, six-year old Alicia and eight-year old Christopher. Lynn is at the Circulation Desk on Wednesdays from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Second–year student Hinna Upal was born in Montreal, Quebec and grew up in Edmonton, Alberta. She graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. Prior to coming to law school, Hinna worked for the Bridges group home for autistic adults with developmental disabilities. Hinna’s reason for coming to law school is that she would like to have practical knowledge to contribute to the community and have a hand in shaping the law. She is a member of Law Review, the Multi–Cultural Law Students Association, and the Women’s Law Society. Hinna is the mother of two daughters, three-year old Somayya and eight-month old Alisha. Hinna works at the Circulation Desk on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

According to our Library Student Assistants, there are several aspects of staffing the Circulation Desk that they enjoy. They like working with the library patrons and the friendly library staff. They particularly enjoy meeting new people and sharing their insights about course selection and studying for class and exams with their law school colleagues. Other fringe benefits include gaining familiarity with the types of library materials and their location within the library and the opportunity to study when they have completed all their assigned tasks. Of course, the extra cash is always welcome! Students interested in employment as a Library Student Assistant should contact Thelma Dzialo.

LexisNexis and Westlaw Student Representatives

Second–year student, Danielle Steele, is the LexisNexis student representative. The Westlaw student representatives are third-year student Sean McInnis and second-year student Gregory Gimenez. They are available to help you with using Westlaw/LexisNexis for legal research.

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New TimeSavers

“Admiralty/Maritime and Coastal/Ocean Law: A Guide to Selected Resources” (No. 22) prepared by Nan Balliot and “Disability Law: Selected Resources” (No. 23) prepared by Emilie Benoit are available in hardcopy in the Law Library and on the Law Library’s web site.

Supreme Court Nominee: Harriet E. Miers

Available from the Law Library’s home page at http://law.rwu.edu/Law+Library is a link for information about and writing by Harriet E. Miers.